

Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

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Bill #	HB0590			Revise state finance laws to Libby Dam water storage/us	-
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Primary Sponsor:	Cuffe, Mike		Status: A	As Introduced	
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☐Significant Local	l Gov Impact	□ Needs to be include	d in HB 2	☐Technical Concerns	
☐ Included in the Executive Budget		☐ Significant Long-Te	erm Impacts	☐ Dedicated Revenue Form	1 Attached
		FISCAL SU	JMMARY		
		FY 2016 Difference	FY 2017 Difference	FY 2018 Difference	FY 2019 Difference
Expenditures:		Difference	Difference	<u>Difference</u>	Billerence
State Special Rev	anua			Unknown	
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Revenue:					
State Special Rev	enue	Unknown			
Net Impact-Gener	al Fund Balance:	\$0	(\$0 \$0	\$0

<u>Description of fiscal impact:</u> Funding for the Columbia River treaty account is dependent upon federal negotiations. It is unknown if or when these revenues will become available to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

- 1. HB 590 creates a state special revenue account called the Columbia River treaty account to disburse funds to Lincoln County to compensate for storage of floodwaters and general river flow and other purposes. Revenue into the account would come from any fund received from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). It is unknown if or when any funds would be received from the BPA. Therefore it is also unknown, when or in what amount those funds would be spent.
- 2. HB 590 creates a statutory appropriation for the Columbia River treaty account. 17-1-508, MCA, requires analysis of the statutory appropriation relative to the guidance in 17-1-508(3), MCA, to be published in the fiscal note. In reviewing and establishing statutory appropriations, the legislature shall consider the following guidelines.

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
a.	The money is from a continuing, reliable, and estimable source.		X

b.	The use of the appropriation or the expenditure occurrence is predictable and reliable.		X
c.	The authority exists elsewhere.		X
d.	An alternative appropriation method is available, practical, or effective.		X
e.	It appropriates state general fund money for purposes other than paying for emergency services.		X
f.	The money is used for general purposes.		X
g.	The legislature wishes to review expenditure and appropriation levels each biennium.		X
h.	An expenditure cap and sunset date are excluded.	X	

Sponsor's Initials	Date	Budget Director's Initials	Date